

CORRECTIONS TO A PRELIMINARY LIST OF THE
SUMMER BIRDS OF FALL RIVER COUNTY,
SOUTH-WESTERN SOUTH DAKOTA.¹

BY S. S. VISHER.

Otus a. marxwellia.—Rocky Mountain Screech Owl. A specimen collected near Oelrichs, August 4, 1911, has been identified by Oberholser as this form. Though I then strongly suspected that it was the Rocky Mountain bird, such a great extension of range as this capture makes, caused me to await verification.

Speotyto c. hypogaea.—Burrowing Owl. Very common in the very extensive prairie dog towns which are to be found along many of the valleys of this county. Omitted from the list by stenographic error.

Dryobates p. homorus.—Batchelder's Woodpecker. Recognizing that the Downies of the western edge of South Dakota were different from those of the east, I somehow fell into the serious error of confusing the names of the illustrious ornithologists, Nelson and Batchelder, and reported the Nelson Woodpecker (which replaced the Batchelder's in the northern Rocky Mountains). Editor Stone pointed out this error in "The Auk," whereupon I submitted a specimen of the Downy of extreme western S. D. (collected in Harding County) to Mr. Oberholser, who named it *D.p. homorus*.

Sitta c. nelsoni.—Rocky Mountain Nuthatch. Recently a new variety of the White-breasted Nuthatch has been recognized. The "Slender-billed" variety is now restricted to the Pacific coast and the Nuthatches of the Rocky Mountain, etc., are called *S. c. nelsoni*.

Myadestes townsendi. Townsend's Solitaire. The fledgling collected July 27 near Minnehaha has been identified by the Biological Survey as the Solitaire. The bird was in such a juvenile plumage, short wings, short tail, etc., that its identification was not simple. This is the first "authentic"

¹The Wilson Bulletin, March, 1912, p. 1-6.

record of the Solitaire in South Dakota and quite an extension of range. Knowing of the previous capture of the mockingbird in the Black Hills (as referred to in "The list") I naturally assumed the fledgling was a mockingbird instead of a bird not before "recorded" from that section.

University of South Dakota, Vermilion, S. Dak.